Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA)

The Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) program provides opportunities for students to be part of a major graduate level research project, while being supervised by a university professor. It’s a great way for undergraduate students to experience ‘graduate school research’ for a term. Full time and part time awards are available: SFU USRA Program.

Indigenous Graduate Student Funding

Sources of Scholarships, Awards, and Other Fundings

1. Merit based awards and scholarships through Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies [GPS]: http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies. Most GPS awards are available through the Awards System GA3 (gradawards.sfu.ca)
3. Departmental awards, which may be listed on your department/academic unit’s website.
4. Federal Funding, including TriAgency Awards [CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC] & Trudeau Foundation.
5. External awards, applied for directly to granting agency. Subscribe to our blog to receive notifications when new awards are added [www.sfu.ca/grad/blog].
6. Teaching and Research Assistantships, offered and administered by departments.

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Fundings through Graduate and Postdoctoral studies

Indigenous Graduate Entrance Scholarships

The scholarships are valued at $18,000/year for master’s and $21,000/year for doctoral students. Master’s level awards provide two years of funding, doctoral awards provide four years. Students must be entering a thesis based master’s or PhD program.

How to apply: Departments / Academic units nominate students by March 30th.

Robert Russell Family / First Nations Graduate Award

The purpose is to provide financial support for a First Nations or aboriginal graduate student who is entering or pursuing graduate studies in the Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Health Sciences or the Faculty of Applied Sciences.

How to apply: on GA3 by March 30th.

Indigenous Graduate Student Travel Award

The purpose is to provide financial support for Indigenous graduate students for the travel component important to their research. Students can only apply once per academic year and may apply before their travel to pay for costs in advance. Awards are valued up to $1000.

How to apply: anytime through the Graduate Awards System: dgsawards@sfu.ca

Fundings through Financial Aid & Awards

Aboriginal Community Engagement Award

The awards are valued at a maximum of $5000 per year and available to full-time undergraduate and graduate Aboriginal students attending SFU. Undergraduate students must have completed at least 18 units at the University in order to be eligible to apply. Students must have a demonstrated connection to the Aboriginal community. Applicants must be in good academic standing, and have also demonstrated excellence in one or more of: community service and/or cultural contributions to the University, Aboriginal and/or general community at large.

Bursaries

- Aboriginal Student Bursary Program
- First Nations Student Association Bursary
- The Geoff Madoc-Jones Memorial Bursary (generally available with preference Aboriginal students)
- Laura (Pat) Band and Richard W. Band Bursary for First Nations Students
- Squamish Nation Bursary

How to apply: apply online through go.sfu.ca

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